

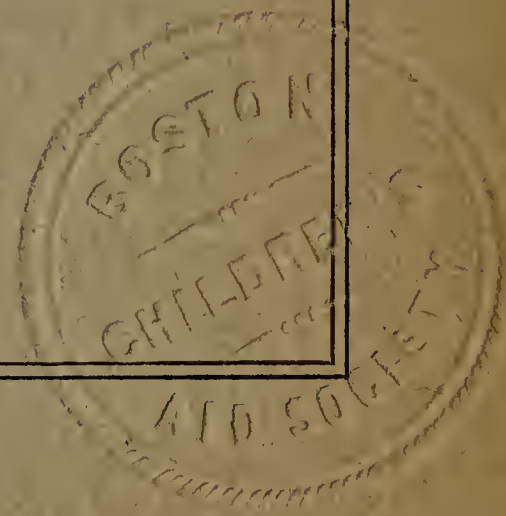
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Annual Report

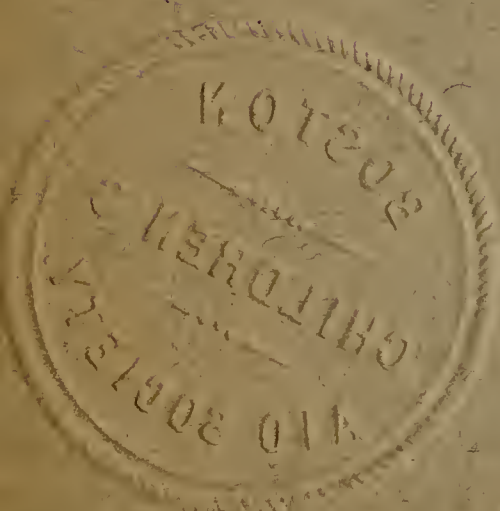
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The Jamaica Plain Friendly Society represents the entire community. Subscriptions in its behalf are collected by its authorized solicitors beginning in November. A prompt and generous response to their calls is earnestly hoped for, as the Society is dependent upon these annual subscriptions.



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The workers in our Society began the Autumn and Winter of 1902-1903 with much anxiety owing to the coal famine, but thanks to the extra contributions furnished by some of our kind friends, and to the helpful arrangements made by the City Coal Supply Committee, we were able to answer all worthy applications for this important article. Our work was necessarily increased by these coal difficulties, and the visitors had more cases, and a busier winter than usual. Without the agency of our society there would undoubtedly have been much more suffering among the poor people who found it so difficult at times to get any sort of fuel.

More visitors are much needed this year, and the committee earnestly hope that volunteers may come forward to help in this important part of the society's work. The visiting of many families is now done by a very few busy women. The care of two or three families is all that we wish to ask of one visitor, and we feel sure that there must be in our community, those who are able and willing to add their names to our list which is now so small. We also desire very much to increase the number of subscribers to our society. Last spring we closed our work with only a few dollars in the Treasury for summer needs. For the first time we felt obliged to make a special appeal for funds for the summer, and this was kindly responded to by a few friends,

so that we have been able to attend to the applications for aid which have come at this season.

It will be seen by the Treasurer's report, that we have received during the year, a gift of five thousand dollars, from the trustees of the Robert C. Billings fund, the first large gift in the history of the Society. For this help we are very grateful, and the interest of this money will be a very helpful addition to our funds each year.

It must be remembered, however, that this additional income will not make up for the noticeable falling off in our annual collections, which is owing largely to the death of many of our first and most generous contributors.

We earnestly hope that our friends may see no reason for relief from personal responsibility, as we need the help and co-operation of every man and woman in our community, who is able to contribute towards our work.

Ours is an unsectarian Society, and we want workers and friends in all the churches. With this general interest we could do a much larger and more successful work than is now possible.

We do not report any special cases this year, although there have been many which have interested the visitors very much, and which it has been in their power to relieve. The stories cannot vary much from year to year. There are always the sick and suffering, the widows and deserted wives, the little children to be cared for, still each case needs special investigation, sympathy, and aid, and to the workers each seems interesting and important, never more so than in the year which is now ending.

We begin our thirtieth year hoping for the loyalty of our old friends, and for the interest of many new friends in the work which our Society aims to do, among the poor and suffering of the Jamaica Plain district.

We have had one hundred and three applicants during the year. All of these have been investigated, but eighteen were not assisted, either because they were not worthy, or from other causes.

To thirty-eight women sewing was given, and for a good number of women other work was found.

Seventy-three families have been visited and assisted in various ways with food, fuel, clothing, boots and shoes, according to their needs.

We wish to thank all who have helped the Society with gifts of clothing and boots and shoes. Such gifts are always very acceptable, and are very much needed for many poor families.

Our room is open from 10 to 1 on week days, except Saturdays and holidays, from October 1st to May 1st. A list of women needing work of different kinds, among them some competent seamstresses, also a list of men out of work will be found on our agent's books. A supply of well-made plain underclothing, also children's dresses and aprons are kept for sale at the hall.

STATISTICS FOR 1902—1903.

Applicants	.	.	.	.	.	.	103
Women taking sewing	.	.	.	.	.	.	38
Garments made (for room and orders)	.	.	.	.	.	.	151
“ “ (for hospitals)	.	.	.	.	.	.	3001
“ (new given away)	.	.	.	.	.	.	87
Boots “ “ “ (pairs)	.	.	.	.	.	.	85
Rubbers “ “ “ (pairs)	.	.	.	.	.	.	58

TREASURER'S REPORT

OCTOBER, 1902 to OCTOBER, 1903

RECEIPTS.

Balance brought from last year.....	59 77	
Received from subscriptions.....	1247 35	
Received from sales.....	44 25	
Received from Thanksgiving service.....	40 00	
Received cash returned by Agent and others.....	4 40	
Received for Interest.....	5 55	
		1401 32
Received from Executors of the will of the late Robert C. Billings.....	5000 00	
		\$6401 32

EXPENDITURES

Agent's salary.....	300 00	
Paid for Groceries and Provisions.....	118 90	
" " Milk.....	46 61	
" " Coal.....	115 96	
" " Materials.....	90 86	
" " Boots and Shoes.....	162 20	
" " Postage and Stationery.....	5 94	
" " Printing.....	46 15	
" " By Case Committee for work, etc.....	455 00	
" " Rent.....	12 00	
" " Moving Furniture and Expressage.....	16 39	
" " Carpenter	2 50	
" " Cash on hand.....	28 81	
		1401 32
Amount invested by the Finance Committee in a first mortgage upon real estate in Jamaica Plain.....	5000 00	
		\$6401 32

Respectfully submitted

E. W. CLARK, *Treasurer.*

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I certify that I have examined the account of E. W. Clark, Treasurer of the Jamaica Plain Friendly Society from October 1, 1902, to October 1, 1903, and find the same correctly cast, payments therein properly vouched, and that the Treasurer charges himself with a balance of twenty-eight dollars and eighty-one cents.

W. HENRY WINSLOW, *Auditor.*

BOSTON, October 17, 1903.

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